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TOPIC 1. Motor Vehicle Repair Shop in GLOWNO

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2. Military Information from LODZ and District

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EVALUATION 25X1A PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT November 1950 and early April 1951

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 27 August 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

Glowno.

1. A large motor vehicle repair shop, referred to as ZST (Zaklady Sprzecu Transportowego) No 4, at which source was working from September to November 1950, was located in Glowno (Q 52/P 16). It overhauled US-made trucks to be supplied to the Polish Armed Forces. In August 1950, the installation supplied an infantry division in Lodz (Q 52/O 93) with 560 trucks. It was supplied with replacement parts from the ZST No 1 repair shop in Gleiwitz (Q 51/Y 37), which supplied replacement parts to Toruń (Q 54/J 39) and Warsaw prior to early April 1951. *
2. A government-controlled automobile plant, observed by source southeast of Glowno in the summer of 1950, adjoins the small town of Osiny on the east and is located on the east side of the road to Dmosin (Q 52/P 15), on the northern shore of a small pond. The plant extends as far as the woods farther to the east; some of the departments of the plant are in the woods. It is equipped with a brick smokestack, 75 meters high, which serves as a landmark, and a railroad spur crossing the Dmosin road. The installation had a labor force of about 1,000 men. Source observed about 500 motor vehicles, mainly used trucks, in the area of the plant.

Lodz.

3. In September 1950, a billeting area of numerous buildings, located on the eastern perimeter of Lodz, in the borough of Stoki, on the south side of ul. Telefoniczna, was observed. The area included Przelecz, Szczytowa, Gorska and Piezny Streets and presumably extended still farther to the west. The area quartered fully motorized KBW (internal security) units, whose 20 to 28 year-old troops wore service caps with red bands, included a great number of junior officers, and did cordoning-off and guard service in Lodz.

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Brzeziny.

4. In September 1949, a practice mobilization, confined to organizational operations, was held in Brzeziny (Q 53/P 14) to check the time needed to contact all 18 to 50-year-old able-bodied men in the city and the environs of Brzeziny. According to Poles, the results showed that all individuals concerned could be reached by bicycle messengers within a 24-hour period. In the summer of 1950, two registrations for the draft of horses, at which the farmers had to produce their horses with harnesses and vehicles to receive official registration cards, were held in the region of Brzeziny.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. On the ground of previous reports, it was believed that an infantry division headquarters was located in Lodz. See [REDACTED]. Previous reports stated that the 8th Inf Div was located in the Lodz area in 1949. Although the designation of this division had not since been observed, it is believed that the unit is still located in the Lodz area, with the headquarters presumably stationed in Lodz. The supply of the trucks to Lodz confirms the previous assumption of the location of a motorized unit at that post. See [REDACTED]. 25X1A

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** [REDACTED] Comment. The barracks installation is reported for the first time. It is believed that the KEW (internal security) unit belongs to the 8th KEW Regt which is known to be stationed in Lodz. The red cap-bands of the unit indicate a unit of the army, but its mission indicates a KEW unit.

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